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## (U) CALIFORNIA

### (U) San Diego – Man Sentenced for Attempting to Smuggle 17,000 Pounds of Narcotics Across Border

(U) A driver arrested last year after he was caught with record-breaking amounts of methamphetamine and fentanyl inside his truck while trying to cross the international border at Otay Mesa was sentenced Friday to nine years in federal prison. Carlos Martin-Quintana-Arias, a Mexican citizen, was arrested on 18 November 2021, after more than 17,580 pounds of methamphetamine and nearly 389 pounds of fentanyl were seized from the trailer of his truck, according to federal prosecutors. The US Attorney's Office said in a news release that both amounts mark the largest seizures in the country of either drug in 2021 or 2022 so far.

SOURCE: 14 October 2022, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

### (U) Stockton – Police Arrest Suspected Serial Killer

(U) A man suspected of killing six men and wounding a woman in a series of shootings in Northern California was arrested before dawn Saturday as he drove through the streets of Stockton, armed with a handgun and possibly searching for another victim, police said. Investigators began surveilling the suspect after receiving tips and stopped him in a car at about 2 a.m. in the Central Valley city, where five of the shootings took place, Police Chief Stanley McFadden said at a news conference. Wesley Brownlee, 43, of Stockton, was dressed in black, had a mask around his neck, had a gun and "was out hunting," McFadden said. Police believe the same person was responsible for killing a man 70 miles away in Oakland in April 2021 and wounding a homeless woman in Stockton a week later.

SOURCE: 15 October 2022, [NPR](#)

## (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

### (U) Texas – Authorities Seize \$1 Million Worth of Fentanyl

(U) Pharr – US Customs and Border Protection officers thwarted a substantial fentanyl smuggling operation in Texas last week, seizing more than \$1 million worth of the drug. "CBP officers intercepted this load of fentanyl, the largest thus far in port history, thanks to great teamwork and the utilization of all available tools and resources," Carlos Rodriguez, director of the Hidalgo/Pharr/Anzalduas Port of Entry, said in a prepared statement. According to the agency, investigators at the Pharr International Bridge cargo facility discovered 19 packages of suspected fentanyl concealed within a shipment arriving via tractor-trailer from Mexico. The seized narcotics weighed slightly more than 44 pounds.

SOURCE: 14 October 2022, [Cox Media Group](#)

## (U) NATIONAL

### (U) District of Columbia – Honduran National Indicted on International Drug Charges

(U) Washington – An indictment was unsealed Saturday charging Norlan Jose Carrasco Lopez, aka Catracho, a Honduran national, with international cocaine trafficking. He is scheduled to appear today in the US District Court for the District of Columbia. According to court documents, between September 2018 and June 2021, Carrasco Lopez, 54, was allegedly a member of an international drug trafficking

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organization responsible for importing large quantities of cocaine from Venezuela to Belize aboard US registered aircraft. Foreign law enforcement seized a shipment of more than 1,000 kilograms of cocaine that had been transported on a US registered aircraft allegedly coordinated by Carrasco Lopez and his co-conspirators. In June 2022, Carrasco Lopez was arrested by Honduran authorities, pursuant to a provisional arrest requested by the United States, and he remained detained in Honduras pending his extradition. He was extradited from Honduras to the United States on last week.

SOURCE: 14 October 2022, [US DoJ](#)

### **(U) Oregon – Three Arrested, 1.25 Tons of Marijuana Seized**

(U) Grants Pass – Three suspects were arrested on felony marijuana charges following searches last week on two properties outside Grants Pass alleged to have been illicit grows. The multiagency Josephine Marijuana Enforcement Team (JMET) says it seized and destroyed more than 2,500 pounds of processed illicit marijuana and another 2,600 growing marijuana plants Wednesday after serving search warrants at two different locations. JMET further found "multiple electrical, water and solid waste code violations" on the property, which the agency stated could result in the civil forfeiture of the property. A JMET press release stated the investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 16 October 2022, [Mail Tribune](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Australia – Retailer Says Data of 2.2 Million Users Breached**

(U) Bella Vista – Australia's Woolworths Group Ltd said last week its majority-owned online retailer MyDeal identified that a "compromised user credential" was used to access its systems that exposed data of nearly 2.2 million users. The news comes just weeks after Australia's second-largest mobile phone operator Optus suffered a breach that compromised data of up to 10 million customers - one of the biggest such incidents - triggering an overhaul of the country's consumer privacy rules. MyDeal's exposed customer data includes names, email addresses, phone numbers, delivery addresses, and in some instances date of birth of the customers, the Sydney-based retailer said.

SOURCE: 14 October 2022, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) Nigeria – Task Force Kills 20 Boko Haram Fighters in Operation**

(U) Gamboru Ngala – Members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) in Gamboru Ngala of Borno state northeast Nigeria have killed Boko Haram fighters, who attacked Army personnel last week. According to reports, the local volunteers pursued the insurgents after the attack on some Nigerian troops and took over one of the Army Vehicles while the remaining Army personnel escaped. A security source said that 20 Boko haram terrorist were killed while 13 Rifles and Ammunition from the Boko Haram terrorist were recovered by the CJTF. The Civilian Joint Task Force have been a good partner to the Military in the over a decade war on Insurgents in Borno and Other States in the North East.

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